

**NAVA NALANDA MAHAVIHARA (NNM), NALANDA, BIHAR
(Deemed to be University)**

Background : In the light of glorious past of Nalanda, the esteem and reverence Nalanda receives from Asian Countries and the immense potential for its development as an institution of international importance fostering Indian Culture through Pali and Buddhism, the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (NNM) was established in 1951 by the Government of Bihar. The NNM is an institution of post graduate studies and research in Pali and Buddhism. The Department of Culture (then under) the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India took over the institute with full financial liabilities in 1994. At present, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara is an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Culture and was accorded Deemed University status on 13th November, 2006.

Aims and Objectives: To develop a residential centre of education of International importance on the lines of the ancient/old Viharas for promotion of higher studies, and research in Pali language and literature and Buddhist studies through Sanskrit, Tibetan, Chinese, Mongolian, Japanese and other Asian language.

Structure: The Institute is registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Honourable Governor of Bihar is the President/Chairperson of the Society of the Institute. The Honourable Minister of Culture is the Chancellor of the Institute. The Institute is managed by a Board of Management, with the Vice-Chancellor of the Institute as its Chairperson. However, the Board has broad based representation including representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Buddhist Scholars etc.

Courses of Study:

- i. Certificate Course 1yr. (Pali, Tibetan studies, Chinese)
- ii. Diploma 2 yr. (Pali, Tibetan studies, Chinese)
- iii. BA (Pali)
- iv. MA (Pali, Philosophy, Ancient History culture and archaeology, Buddhist Studies, English, Hindi , Sanskrit, Tibetan Studies)
- v. Ph.D